to produce them on the next hearing day. For this purpose, thrice the enquiry was posted, but Mr. Panicker refused to accept the notice and appear, and therefore the enquiry had to be closed.

The charge against the Sub-Inspector thus remains unsubstantiated. There are also no materials forthcoming for a reasonable suspicion that the Sub-Inspector was corrupt or that he was misbehaving as alleged. The enquiry so far made leads only to the conclusion that the officer, whose integrity and honour have been challenged before the House, never deserved such an attack and that the charge levelled against him was uncharitable and hasty.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Consistent with the dignity of this House, I think, it is necessary that the Hon'ble Member, Mr. Panicker will take the earliest opportunity to withdraw his statement, as it has been proved here beyond doubt that the charges levelled by him against that officer were without any foundation.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* As members of this House, we share the same feeling with the Commissioner of Excise. So, I would on my behalf request the hon'ble member to withdraw the statement.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Apart from the connivance of the Inspector, is there any illicit sale?

Mr. President: That is not the point here. The point for enquiry was, Mr. Panicker made an allegation saying that illicit sales of toddy were going on with the connivance of that officer. I have repeatedly stated here that hon'ble members should be more careful in making such statements, especially when they have the privilege to cast aspersions on members of Government or their subordinates. When such aspersions are cast, I have made it plain, that it will be the duty of the Government to conduct enquiries and that it will be the duty of the hon'ble members concerned to advance evidence to substantiate the allegations. So an enquiry was conducted in this case with the result the hon'ble member referred to.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* With regret, I beg to withdraw the allegations.

The Cochin Police Act (Amendment) Bill*

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja *(Advocate-General):* Sir, I move that the Cochin Police Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* I second it.

*Appendix I

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APPENDIX I

The Cochin Police Act (Amendment) Bill

Preamble.—WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Cochin Police Act, 1 of 1058; It is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title extent and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Cochin Police (Amendment) Act, of 111 .

(2) It shall extend to the whole of Cochin State and shall come into force at once.

2. *Penalty for violation of rules.*—After section 24-A of the Cochin Police Act, 1 of 1058, the following section shall be inserted.—

"24-B. Any person who acts in contravention of any rule made under section 24-A shall, on conviction before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees or to imprisonment not exceeding eight days and it shall be lawful for any Police Officer to take into custody without warrant any person who within view commits breach of any such rule."

APPENDIX II

The Cochin Census Bill

WHEREAS it has been determined to take a Census of Cochin State during the the year 1116, and whereas it is expedient to provide for certain matters in connection with the taking of such census; It is hereby enacted as follows.—

1. *Short title and extent.*—(1) This Act may be called the Cochin Census Act,.....111....

(2) It extends to the whole of Cochin State.

2. *Appointment of Census staff.*—(1) Government may appoint persons as Census Officers to take, or aid in, or supervise the taking of, the census.

(2) Government may appoint a Census Commissioner to control census operations generally and they may delegate to such Commissioner the power of appointing Census Officers conferred by sub-section (1).

(3) A declaration in writing signed by any authority authorised by Government in this behalf that any person has been duly appointed a Census Officer for any local area shall be conclusive proof of such appointment.

3. *Status of Census authorities as public servants.*—The Census Commissioner and all Census Officers shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Cochin Penal Code.

4. (1) *Discharge of duties of Census Officer in certain cases.*—(*a*) Every officer in command of anybody of men belonging to His Majesty's naval, military or air forces or of any vessel of war,

(*b*) every person (except a pilot or harbour-master) having charge or control of a vessel,

(*c*) every person in charge of a mental hospital, hospital, workhouse, prison, reformatory or lock-up or of any public, charitable, religious or educational institution,

(*d*) every keeper, secretary or manager of any hostel, boarding-house, lodging-house, emigration depot or club,

(*e*) every manager or officer of a railway or any commercial or industrial establishment, and

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